

Please amend the Abstract at page 27, lines 1-12, as follows:

ABSTRACT

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~~The present invention concerns a~~ A method for driving a display panel, in which a
~~that provided a display by a gaseous discharge. A false~~ gaseous discharge of a display cell is
~~prevented which occurs when~~ via an initialization sequence ~~voltage~~ containing a reset pulse is
~~applied to a common electrode of a display cell~~ and an initialization pulse. Stable
initialization is achieved by ~~using, as a~~ applying the initialization pulse to ~~be applied to~~ the
common electrode after the reset pulse[, a] . The initialization pulse [[that]] rises up in one
step[, or] . Alternatively, the initialization pulse is a complex pulse ~~whose~~ having second-
step pulse that rises up within 1 μ s after the ~~rise-up~~ rise of its first-step pulse. A stabilization
sequence [[is]] can be inserted between [[an]] the initialization sequence and a discharge
maintenance sequence.